

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department – Allegation of Irregularities in Sales conducted on 21-02-2006 at Govt. Timber Depot, Rajahmundry against Sri T. Sai Shankar, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retired), Logging Division, Rajahmundry - Inquiry finalized and findings received - Imposition of penalty of 20% cut in pension for a period of six years besides recovery of Government loss of Rs.2,76,450/- - Show-Cause-Notice issued – Explanation received – - Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 84

Dated:25-10-2014
Read the following:

1. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.9000/2006/PXA1,dt.28.02.2006, 29-7-2006 & 21-2-2007.
2. G.O.Rt.No.190, EFS&T(For.IV) Dept, dt:19-4-12.
3. From the Inquiring authority, D.O.Lr.No.153/COA-AS/2012, dt:23-11-12.
4. Govt. Memo.No.2590/For.IV/A1/2006-6, dt:12-12-12.
5. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.9000/2006/K3,dt:23-5-2013.
6. Govt.Memo.No.2590/for.IV/A1/2006, dt:15-6-2013.
7. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.9000/2006/K3, dt:2-7-2013.
8. Govt.Memo.No.2590/For.IV/A1/2006-9, Dt.7-1-2014.
9. From Sri T. Sai Shankar, ACF(Retd), Explanation, dt:10-01-2014.
10. Govt. Lr.No.2590/For.IV/A1/2006, Dt:23.01.2014.
11. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.9000/2006/K3, dt:13-2-2014.
12. From the Secy. APPSC Lr. No.604/RT/2/2014, Dt:10.10.2014.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad has informed that disciplinary action has been initiated against Sri T. Sai Shankar, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retired), formerly Logging Division, Rajahmundry along with other forest subordinate, u/r 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and an Article of Charges were issued vide Ref. No. 9000/2006/PXA1, dt:19-7-2006 on the following count:

Article-I: Criminal mala-fide conduct for personal monetary gain by manipulation of Bid amounts during the sale held on 21-2-2006 in GTD, Rajahmundry as auctioning authority causing loss to a tune of Rs.1,88,700/- to the Government.

Article 2: Criminal breach of trust and negligence of duty in observing sale conditions and deviating from procedure as an auctioning authority as well as DFO, Logging Division, Rajahmundry which resulted in a loss of Rs.87,750/- to the Government.

Thus he has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and exhibited conduct un-becoming of a Govt. Employee in violation of Rule 3 of A.P.C.S.(Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the receipt of Article of Charge and submitted his explanation. Not satisfying with the explanation of the Charged Officer, the matter has been entrusted to Commissioner of Inquiries.

3. After conducting inquiry, the Inquiring Authority, i.e., General Administration (COI-AS) Department, has furnished the findings concluding that the charges framed against Sri T. Sai Shankar, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retired), Logging Division, Rajahmundry are held proved. The Findings of the Commissioner of Inquiries were communicated to the Charged Officer, vide PCCF's Lr.Rc. No. 9000/2006/K-II/1, dated 19-12-2012 and the charged officer has submitted his further defense has denied the conclusion arrived by the Inquiry Authority.

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4. The Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30-6-2010. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Commissioner of Inquiries, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, Government observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officer were held proved and it was provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 20% cut in pension for a period of six years besides recovery of Govt. loss of Rs.2,76,450/- from the pensionary benefits of Sri T. Sai Sankar, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd), under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly, a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 8th read above. The Charged Officer submitted his explanation through the reference 9th read above and in which he has agreed to the proposed punishment. The concurrence of Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has been obtained vide reference 12th read above.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose the penalty of 20% cut in pension for a period of six years besides recovery of Govt. loss of Rs.2,76,450/- against the Charged Officer Sri T. Sai Sankar, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retired), Logging Division, Rajahmundry, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P. SINGH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Secretary(FAC), A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad(with ref. to
Lr. No. 604/RT/2/2014, Dt:10.10.2014)
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER